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"Alpine," a blue Amazon parrot, flew away with Best of Show honors at the League's annual pet show (see p. 10).
Photo by Bob Howard

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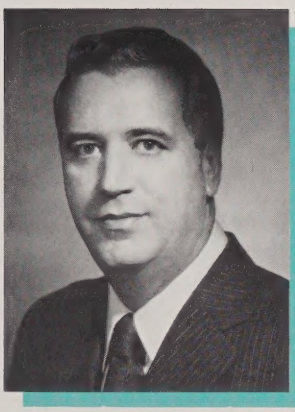


Arthur G. Slade, *President*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEW WAYS OF GIVING

We are indeed fortunate to have an ever-increasing number of kind and loyal friends who have demonstrated their interest and support for our work through their memberships, donations and bequests.

I am happy to tell you that we now have established a Charitable Remainder Trust program. I feel it is especially important to make you aware of this form of giving since it provides some substantial advantages to the donors. It may also be important to you since it is one of the few income tax advantages that has not been eliminated by recent tax law revisions.

The major advantages of such a Charitable Remainder Unitrust to you, the donor, include:

1. A charitable income tax deduction in the year in which the gift is given to the League.
2. A substantial savings in taxes on gains when using appreciated securities held for the long term as the source of your gift.
3. None of the trust property is included in your taxable estate so long as you are the sole beneficiary.
4. The donor is relieved of the burden of investment management.
5. The donor's annual income will often be increased as a result of "unlocking" low-yield, low-cost securities which are converted by the trustee into assets which return a better yield to the donor as the income beneficiary during his or her lifetime. The reinvestment of equity for greater return, coupled with the income and tax savings, often proves to be very rewarding to the donor.

All terms and conditions of the Trust are set forth in a formal Trust agreement which must meet the detailed requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations. As mentioned above, your gift will entitle you to a significant federal income tax deduction. In some few cases, when appreciated property is used for the gift, the alternative minimum tax will apply. We will be happy to provide you with further information and a trust instrument for review by you and your attorney or tax advisor.

The unitrust instrument provides that payments shall be made to the income beneficiary, equal to a fixed percentage of the fair market value of the trust's assets as valued each year. An optional alternative is to pay only the net income of the trust, if that income is less than the fixed percentage. The fixed percentage figure does not change after the trust is established, and the Charitable Remainder Unitrust allows additional assets to be added at any time.

Thus, you as a donor, have the dual satisfaction of retaining an income for life, while knowing that upon your death, a substantial benefit will pass to the League, enabling it to continue its humane services for years to come.

We are keenly interested in further developing this program and would be most happy to receive responses from you as to special interests and needs you may wish to explore. This sort of feedback would be of great value to us.

Top Cats: Winning the Pet Popularity Poll

National statistics are now confirming what humane societies have long been suspecting, and Garfield has known all along—the cat is fast becoming top dog in the pet world.

The canine claim to the title of "man's best friend" began slipping in the early 1980's. In 1981, *Time* magazine reported that the dog population in the U.S. had stabilized for several years at the 48 million mark, while the cat pet population had then reached 34 million, an increase of 55% in a decade, and was steadily growing. By 1986, according to Ralston Purina's research department, there were 56 million pet cats in the nation, compared to 48 million dogs.

During the same period, cat adoptions at the League for the first time in its history overtook and soon outdistanced dog adoptions, a trend that was also noted at other shelters across the country. In 1976, 42% of the people who adopted pets from the League chose cats. By 1981, the percentage of cat adoptions had risen to 48%, and last year the percentage reached 58%, with a total of 4,029 cats being placed in new homes, compared with 2,707 dogs and 417 miscellaneous pets.

Worshipped as a god during one point in history, and feared as a witch's "familiar" during another period, the cat is currently enjoying unprecedented popularity, even in pop culture. Garfield has made the best-seller list with every appearance in print, and the Broadway musical "Cats" has been drawing rave reviews and full houses since its 1982 debut.

What lies behind this surge in feline favoritism? The answer can be found in a variety of changing socio-economic trends, including a well-documented increase in single-member households, a tightening housing market that has more people living in small apartments,

and an economic climate that has increased the need for both partners in a marriage to work full-time. All of these factors contribute to a trend toward pets that are smaller, quieter, and require less time-consuming care.

In a nation where spare time is a diminishing commodity, cats are ideal pets, because they demand less care and are less dependent on their owners. Cats do not need to be walked or exercised, and when it comes to toilet habits, they can take care of their own needs with the aid of a litter box. Because they will pace their food intake, cats can also be left alone for longer periods of time than dogs.

Another factor cited as a possible explanation for the cat's rising popularity as a pet is a shift away from the "macho" attitude among American males. It is now possible for a man to own a cat—in fact, to be extremely fond of a cat—and still be considered a "real man."

Cost, while a consideration, does not appear to be a major factor. While the costs of caring for a large dog are higher than a cat, the costs of food, equipment and veterinary care for a small dog are about the same as the costs for a cat. In a recent study of pet owners in the Providence, R.I. area, dog owners reported spending an average of $39 per month on their pets, while cat owners averaged $27 per month.

Currently, 50% of the small animal veterinary practice in this country is devoted to cats, while advances in health care for cats have expanded the life expectancy for the average feline to the 16-20 year range.

In urban areas, there has been an increase in the number of single, professional people adopting cats, due in part to the reasons cited above, but also partially resulting from the fact that many landlords prefer cats to dogs. It has become increasingly difficult to own a dog in the city, due to small apartment space, anti-noise regulations, pooper-scooper laws, and rental lease prohibitions. Many rental complexes require tenants to sign a no-pets lease; those that allow pets often specify cats rather than dogs.

Does all this mean that mankind's tried and true canine companions are being tossed aside—relegated to the doghouse, as it were? Not necessarily. Practical factors aside, the dog is still the pet of choice for most people.

According to Ralston Purina, even though pet cats outnumber pet dogs, there are still more dog-owning households in the nation than cat-owning households, 35% compared to 29%.

In the Providence study referred to earlier, the type of pet most frequently desired by non-pet owners who would like to have a pet, was a dog. The study, published in Anthozoös, a journal on the interactions of people and animals, also reported that more households had dogs (60%), but they were likely to have only one dog. In contrast, 36% of cat owners had more than one cat, so that the tendency toward multiple ownership of cats is obviously a major contributing factor toward the overall statistics. Dog owners in the study also more often viewed their pets as part of the family, while cat owners viewed them as companions.

While people continue to debate the merits of cats vs. dogs, one fact emerges from all of the statistics. Those clever cats have succeeded in their efforts to train an ever-increasing number of people to open their homes and hearts to one, and preferably more than one, feline friend.

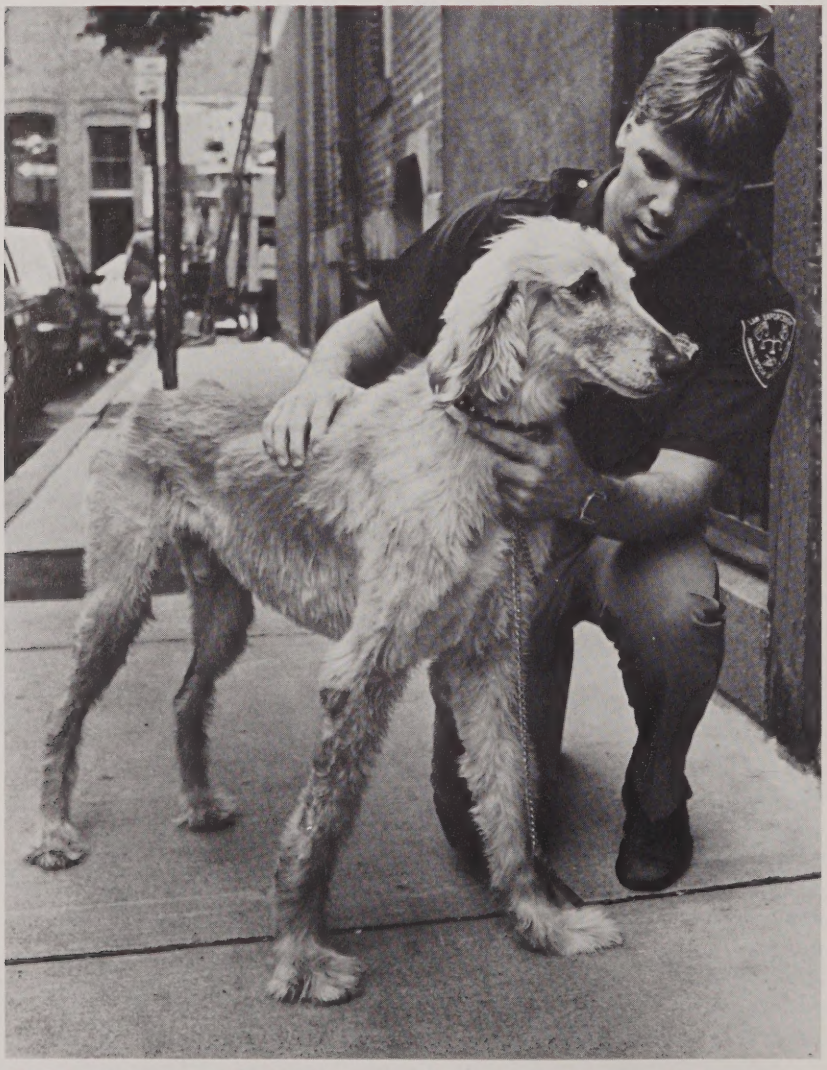
It's raining kittens and cats for Sharon Copp, adoption manager at the League's Boston shelter.

DOG SURVIVES PLAYGROUND ATTACK

With a little help from his friends

Quick action and courage on the part of two youngsters saved the life of a 12-year-old Afghan hound this summer, and led to the successful conviction of the person responsible for severely injuring the animal.

Early one evening in May, the young brother and sister—both under the age of ten—were playing with a group of neighborhood children in the Charter Street park in Boston's North End, when they saw the Afghan come into the park and begin chasing another dog around. "The big dog was acting friendly and playful, and actually licking the other dog," they recalled, when suddenly the other dog's owner picked up a baseball bat, cornered the Afghan, and beat the dog over the head four or five times. Leaving the dog bleeding on the ground, the man used a handful of grass to wipe the blood off the bat and discarded it. The children ran home to tell their mother what happened, and she went to the park to check on the dog while another daughter called the League for help.



"Benji," now in good health, shows his appreciation to League inspector Ed Powers.

When League agent Edward Hrul arrived in an ambulance at the scene, a group of children there identified the assailant as Fernando DeSantis. The dog was taken to an animal hospital and placed in the intensive care unit, suffering from head and chest injuries.

The next day, League inspector Edward Powers succeeded in locating and contacting the injured dog's owner, Joseph Buceta, and initiated steps to file cruelty charges against Fernando DeSantis. With the aid of statements from the young brother and sister and other evidence, including the recovered blood-stained bat, DeSantis was found guilty on July 13, in Boston Municipal Court, on two counts: cruelty to animals, as well as a felony charge for maliciously maiming or disfiguring an animal. He was sentenced to two years probation and ordered to pay $225 court costs as well as $7,500 restitution to the owner of the Afghan.

Despite the severity of its injuries, which included a fractured jaw and the subsequent development of an infection which required intravenous treatment, the injured dog, named "Benji," was discharged from the hospital at the end of May and is recuperating happily at home with its owner.

Children describe the camp experience in their own words in these excerpts from the camp newspaper.

"Shadow has four baby rabbits to take care of because the mother and aunt died. The babies are four months old."
Kate, age 8

"The chickens eat chicken pellets and drink lots of water. They walk the same way we do except their feet curl up."
Christopher, age 8

"Dogs can be a lot of work to take care of, but it's worth the effort, and it's always a lot of fun!"
Sarah, age 10

"Snoopy and Spunky (gerbils) are furry and cute, warm-blooded animals. They are very popular here at camp because they don't bite and they are friendly."
Meghan, age 9

"The sheep's names are Tina Turner and Madonna. During the day Tina and Madonna run around, chase each other, eat and say 'Baaaaa!'"
Chris, age 7-1/2 and Matt, age 7

A UNIQUE SUMMER EXPERIENCE

by Robert A. Fullerton

The Animal Friends Summer School was established 38 years ago, with the goal of allowing children a better understanding and appreciation of animals. Located on Cape Cod, it accomplishes this goal through hands-on contact with animals ranging from large farm animals like cows and horses to small domesticated pets such as gerbils and guinea pigs. *(Continued next page)*

It's the start of a beautiful friendship for Stephen Burr, 8, of Worcester, Mass.

The Animal Friends Summer Camp is like no other camp; it is truly "unique." Like many camps it gives children an enjoyable way to spend their summer vacation, but here they actually leave having gained a new-found respect and kindness towards animals. Through the unique day-to-day contact, they learn that animals are our friends and need our love and care.

The camp offers a wide variety of animal-orientated classes that teach proper care and kindness to animals. The farm and horse classes which are held at the camp's farm allow children to gain, through personal contact, knowledge of animals they may never encounter. The popular Farm Life class gives the campers a chance to actually clean, feed and care for such farm animals as goats, sheep, pigs, chickens, and cows. The other farm class is "Horses"; here the campers learn what it would be like to own a horse, and see the amount of work it takes to care for one. The primary goal of the classes located on the farm is to instill in children the realization that even animals used for commercial purposes must be treated humanely. Through personal contact, the youngsters realize that these animals deserve food, shelter, and love just like common household pets.

Another popular class is Pet Care. In this class children learn how to care for domesticated animals such as gerbils, guinea pigs, rabbits, fish, and birds. The focus of this class is to show children that caring for a pet is a big responsibility that can be extremely rewarding. Campers also learn to appreciate not only domesticated animals, but also the surrounding wildlife. The Ocean Ecology class offers children a chance to gain insights on animals from the sea. Campers study the water environment, realizing that all animals, even if wild, deserve the right to coexist with humans.

Other courses offered at camp, although not directly related to animals, still try to incorporate animals into them. Through the use of personal computers, the Computer Class offers the campers a unique way of learning many interesting animal facts. By actually creating a birdhouse or bird feeder,

the popular Woodworking Class gives children a chance to give something back to nature. Nature Photography allows children to photograph animal subjects, then develop and print these pictures, leaving them with a lasting memory of camp.

Craft classes such as Macrame and Candlemaking give campers a chance to learn basic skills and make their own projects. Group Adventures, an outward-bound type class, encourages trust and cooperation through team-oriented challenges. The Camp Newspaper class gives the youngsters a chance to write creative stories on camp life and eventually publish them in a weekly newspaper, entitled the "Animal Friends Weekly Newspaper."

But classes only fill one hour of the three-hour camp day. Other daily rituals include song period, activity such as link tag or dodge ball, sports, and special events. The special event portion of camp allows the campers a chance to learn from outside guests speaking on a variety of subjects ranging from hearing dogs to basic first aid. On one day the campers watch intently as a speaker from the New England Wildlife Center talks about the screech owl he holds on a perch. On another day, with the assistance of Northeast Marine Environmental Institute workers, campers view many of our native marine creatures found in the waters surrounding camp. The speakers give the campers very "special events."

The one word that truly describes the Animal Friends Summer School is "unique." It gives youngsters a chance to engage in close, personal contact with animals in a fun, learning environment. Campers leave the camp with a sense that animals and people must coexist; most of all they leave realizing that animals are our friends and that we must always treat them with kindness and respect.

Robert Fullerton has been a camper and a counselor at the Animal Rescue League's Summer School for several years. He recently was awarded the Florence E. Buttrick Award for his outstanding performance as a counselor.

Robert Fullerton (above, center), author of this article and winner of the Florence E. Buttrick Award for outstanding counselor, poses with Melissa Piazza and Jackie Haines, winners of the second session Walter J. Dethloff Award for outstanding campers. Winners of the first session Dethloff Awards are (below), Andrew Lutin and Patchen Mortimer.

"Alpine" the parrot, Best Pet in Show, poses with owner Nathaniel Morse and judges Edward Powers, Arthur G. Slade, Dr. Carlton Buttrick and Richard W. Bryant.

John Shade congratulates "Minnie" who placed second in dog obedience trials.

The "top cat" was Jessie Miguelle's calico, "Patches."

Sarah O'Brien's prize puppy "Maddie" sports a blue ribbon.

A winning assortment of fourfooted and twofooted animals turned out for the League's 35th annual Pet Show and Grande Parade of Pets, Saturday, July 25, at Nye Field in North Falmouth. The event is designed to encourage young pet owners to appreciate and properly care for their pets, and prizes are awarded on the basis of condition and care of pet, as well as "pet appeal."

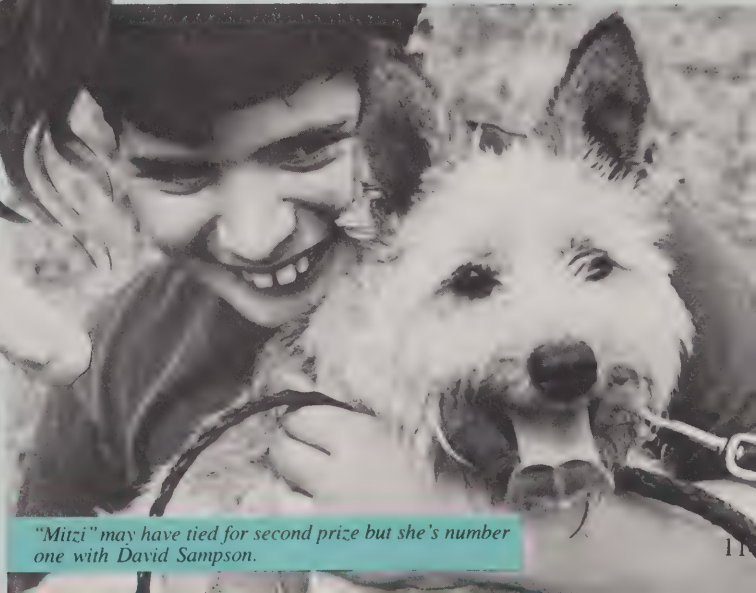
PETSHOW '87

Molly Webster's "Benjamin" retrieved first prize in the boy dog category.

See how they run—trio of mice owned by Matthew Aldrovandi was first runner-up for Best in Show.

What a wag—Lauren Riccardelli's lab retriever "Cappuccino" won the title of Best Tailwagger.

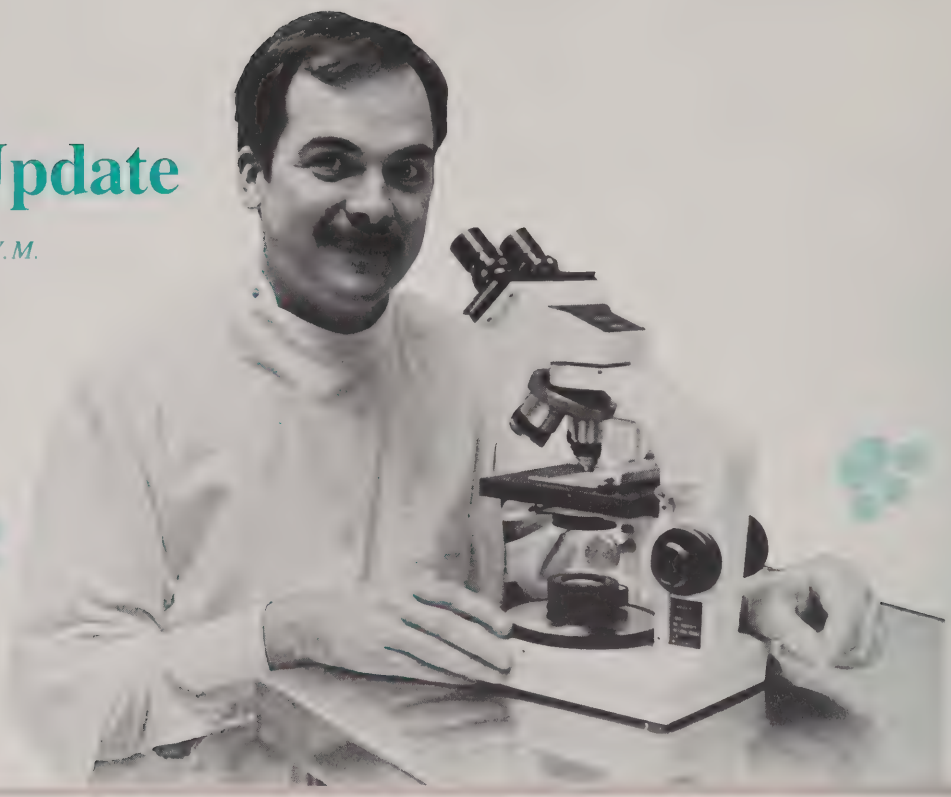
Shenoa Engstrom is cute as her first place kitten.



"Mitzi" may have tied for second prize but she's number one with David Sampson.

A Veterinary Update

By Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M.



Canine Skin Problems: Starting from Scratch

Like their human owners, pets are more likely to suffer from dry, itchy skin in the winter months. Cold air, brisk winds, and indoor heating systems can all contribute to the discomfort; however, proper nutrition plus good grooming habits, including regular brushing and bathing, will alleviate most normal dry skin problems in pets.

When a dog continues to scratch or exhibit skin sores despite good grooming, it's time to look for other causes. The most obvious of these is flea infestation, which can be readily detected on the animal during grooming, and in its household environment. Fleas are the most common cause of canine skin disorders, and their treatment requires a two-pronged approach. There are many effective preparations on the market for treating the animal, including sprays, dips, powders, shampoos and flea collars. The animal's environment must be treated at the same time, especially its sleeping area. Use of spray or foggers, plus regular vacuuming in cracks and crevices, may do the trick, but a professional exterminator may be needed for heavy infestations.

Mange

If scratching persists and no fleas are in evidence, it is likely that a condition exists which requires medical attention, either an allergy or one of two skin diseases commonly known as mange, both of which are caused by parasitic mites.

Of the two forms of mange, one is more common and more easily treated than the other. This is *scabies*, which is caused by an infestation of mites *(sarcoptes scabiei v. canis)* that are unnatural to the dog. This disease is highly contagious, but quite curable. Its major symptom is intense itching which causes the dog to scratch incessantly, creating skin lesions, sometimes affecting the whole body. If allowed to progress, scabies can lead to infection, weight loss and general debilitation; however, it responds well to treatment with a parasiticidal (parasite killing) dip. Scabies can be transmitted to humans, but the disease usually resolves itself once the contagious animal in the household has been cured. Veterinary treatment is a necessity, because only a veterinarian can diagnose whether the disease is *scabies,* or the more serious skin disorder, *demodicosis.*

Demodicosis is caused by an abnormal proliferation of a mite that normally inhabits canine skin (Demodex canis). It usually occurs in young dogs, under the age of one. Mites are transmitted to nursing puppies from the mother. No one knows why the mites proliferate on some dogs rather than others, but heredity is suspected to be a factor. Symptoms can be localized or generalized, and include bald patches, scaly or crusty lesions (with or without itching) and infected skin sores. The onset of this disease in an older dog usually indicates a severe underlying medical problem. Early treatment for young dogs, involving hair clipping, miticidal dips and antibiotic treatment of infections, is usually effective; however, the prognosis worsens with the severity of the disease so early detection is vital.

Ear Mites

Another culprit which affects both dogs and cats is the ear mite. Symptoms of ear mites include itching, head shaking and dark brown, dry, waxy ear discharge. This condition can be effectively treated by a veterinarian. If untreated, it can lead to secondary bacterial infections and even permanent hearing loss.

A Memorial Tribute to Former League Veterinarian

The late Dr. Stanley O. Travis caring for a patient in the League's clinic.

Injured stray animals as well as sick pets whose owners can't afford sophisticated medical procedures will be the beneficiaries of a special fund created as a memorial tribute to the late Dr. Stanley O. Travis, a former member of the League veterinary staff and owner of the Wayland Animal Clinic for many years.

Dr. Travis, who died in 1983 at the age of 48, served on the League staff from 1960 to 1973, before joining the Wayland Animal Clinic. Among the many friends and former clients saddened by his untimely death were the Rikleen family of Wayland, who have established the Stanley O. Travis Fund at Tufts New England Veterinary Medical Center in his honor.

The inspiration for the fund came when their own pet fell victim to a complicated disease and died, despite valiant efforts to save it during a one-month stay in the intensive care unit at Tufts' Foster Hospital for Small Animals in Grafton. "During our frequent visits, we realized that the hospital is often asked to treat animals without compensation; for example, when the animal is lost or stray, as in the case of automobile accidents, or when a pet needs highly sophisticated medical attention which the owner cannot afford," wrote Sander and Lauren Stiller Rikleen in a letter of appeal to Dr. Travis' former clients.

The response to their letter was heartwarming, according to Lee-Ann Day, director of veterinary development at Tufts. "To date, contributions to the Travis Fund total over $12,000, with gifts from more than 200 individuals." The funds will be used to defray the cost of treating pets where the owners are unknown, or are unable to afford the charges for service.

"Rare is the veterinarian who can bring the unique blend of kindness, patience, humor and skill that Dr. Travis brought to his job every day," the Rikleens stated. "Because of the many occasions on which Dr. Travis willingly treated pets under similar circumstances, we believe the creation of such a fund is a fitting means of honoring his memory."

Individuals wishing to contribute to the Stanley O. Travis Fund can do so by sending their donations, payable to Trustees of Tufts College, to Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Development Office, 200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, Mass. 01536.

A Heartworm Reminder

Pet owners who are giving their dogs heartworm prevention medication on a daily basis are reminded that the medication is to be continued until *two months after* the mosquito season has ended. In New England, this means that treatment should be continued into early December. For dogs that are on monthly medication, the treatment can be discontinued one month after the mosquito season, usually with the November dosage.

A Winter Warning

Each year at the beginning of winter, when motorists drain and refill their car radiators, unsuspecting dogs and cats fall victim to antifreeze poisoning. The toxic ingredient in antifreeze is ethylene glycol, a sweet-tasting colorless liquid with severe and often fatal side effects when injested by small animals. Early symptoms may include nausea, vomiting and lack of coordination. Rapid diagnosis and treatment are essential if the patient is to be saved, but prevention is the best treatment of all. Antifreeze spills should be wiped up immediately, and owners should be alert to any signs that their pets may have licked up any of the deadly substance.

NEWSFRONT
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

CLOSE CALLS FOR CURIOUS CATS

Early in June, Dr. and Mrs. Jerrold Shapiro of Framingham called the League to help a stray cat that had spent the night helplessly perched on their high-pitched garage roof, and Mark Williamson answered the call. "He climbed up and sat up on the roof for ten minutes, stroking the cat to calm her down," the Shapiros later wrote. "It took a while, some clever ingenuity, but finally they both arrived down safely." The Shapiro family distributed copies of the photo (right) around their neighborhood, and the story had a happy ending when Gretchen Carter recognized her lost pet and claimed him at the League's Boston shelter.

Just a few weeks later, five League staff members, along with highway and town officials, spent eight hours digging to rescue an 8-week-old kitten trapped for 48 hours in an underground drainpipe in Braintree. The kitten had been exploring the opening of a porch drainpipe at the home of the Sferrazza family, when it slipped in and slid down. The rescuers dug in the yard, tracing the meowing, but the noise frightened the cat. "The more we hammered, the deeper the cat ran down the pipe," said Bob Walsh, Boston shelter manager. "It traveled about 30 feet." The ordeal finally ended at about 6 p.m. when ambulance driver Paul White reached into the pipe and grabbed the kitten's tail. The kitten, dubbed "Digger" by his rescuers, was eventually adopted.

"SASSY" SHOWS WINNING WAYS

A golden retriever named "Sassy" lived up to her name, taking first prize at the Hanscom Air Force Base Pet Show. League public relations coordinator Terrie Bierig-Neyland, one of the competition judges, poses with "Sassy" and her owner Tara Tuck.

Photo by Sarah Underhill, courtesy of the Hansconian

PET READING PROJECTS

Dogs 'R Us: The Autobiography of a Puppy, by Maxwell Muttering. The witty story of one mutt's march toward destiny, growing up in a city dump. This children's story for grown-ups is cleverly illustrated by Shevawn Basye, but is written by a literate puppy named "Max," one of whose literary mentors is Dashound Hammutt, according to his publishers. Synergy Publishers, $9.95.

The Private Lives of Animals, text by Roger Caras. A unique photographic look at the wildlife kingdom, with 141 color photos, and 98 in black and white, capturing intimate moments in the private lives of wild animals, birds, and insects in their natural habitats. Text by Roger Caras, ABC News special wildlife correspondent, provides information on the species illustrated and its habitat. McGraw-Hill Book Company, $12.95.

Maxwell Muttering

◂ THE AUTHOR

LEAGUE PETS MAKE MEDIA DEBUT ★

Begining June 7, the *Daily Transcript* in Dedham inaugurated a "Pet of the Week" feature which will appear every Monday, carrying a photo of a homeless dog or cat available for adoption from the League's Dedham shelter. The League is deeply grateful to the *Transcript* for their public spirited action, especially *Transcript* managing editor Roy LaBlanc, who coordinated the public service activity with Terrie Bierig-Neyland, public relations coordinator at the League.

WILY OTTER ELUDES RESCUERS IN LYNN

Pat Kelly from the League's Salem Branch wades in deep water to set a humane trap for a two-foot otter shown above basking on a rock in Goldfish Pond in Lynn. League assistance was summoned by dog officer Kevin Farnsworth who said: "We'd like to get him out of the pond for his own sake—kids have been throwing rocks at him, and people keep coming down to feed him." The otter eluded capture, eating all the fish in the pond except for the bait in the trap.

After taking a few days to eat his fill at Goldfish Pond, the otter transported itself to a more habitable location. It was later spotted several times in Sluice Pond and Flax Pond, both larger bodies of water with ample food supply, close to the Lynn Woods Reservation, according to Mary Brasier, manager of the Salem Shelter. "No one knows exactly how it managed the move," she says, "but the theory is that the otter traveled there through drainage pipes."

Photos by Walter Hoey, courtesy Lynn Item

CURRENT MOVIES

The American Humane Association has established the following motion picture classification standards to provide a reliable and serviceable film guide for parents and others interested in assessing the impact of a given film.

Acceptable: American Humane was on location to monitor animal action and to ensure humane treatment. Scenes appearing to endanger animals are simulated.

Believed Acceptable: The Association was not on location to monitor animal action, but after screening or script review, American Humane representatives concluded the film producer complied with Association standards and intentions.

Questionable: American Humane personnel not on the scene. Animal action and treatment is in doubt.

Unacceptable: Outright cruelty to animals during production.

Acceptable:

A Tiger's Tale, A Tigers Tale Production for Atlantic Releasing Corp.

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MUSEUM EXHIBIT MARKS VETERINARY CENTENNIAL

As part of its 100th aniversary celebration, the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (M.V.M.A.) has designed a veterinary museum exhibit which will be on display at the Museum of Science in Boston from October 7, 1987 to January 3, 1988. The display includes a 350-year timeline which traces the history of veterinary medicine in this area from the arrival of the Pilgrims with the first domesticated animals in 1620. Incorporated in 1887 with a membership of 11 veterinarians, the M.V.M.A. today is a statewide organization of more than 500 veterinarians working together to provide health care for animals of all species, and foster veterinary health care information for the general public.

TOP HONORS FOR LEAGUE INSPECTOR ★

The League is proud to announce that Martha Parkhurst, League inspector, placed first among students completing the American Humane Association's National Horse Abuse Investigators School, held in Durango, Colorado, August 30-September 5. Thirty-two students from the U.S. and Canada attended the school which is the only one of its kind in the country, designed to provide knowledge on how to recognize and deal with horse abuse.

The Marsh Family Chooses a Pet

"Dad, I really want a puppy," said Peter Marsh. Peter and his little sister, Molly, sat on their porch with their parents.

"I want a kitty, Daddy, a kitty," said Molly.

"No, a puppy!"

"A kitty!"

"Oh, Mommy, Daddy, can't we please have a pet? Can't we please?" pleaded Peter.

"Well," Mr. Marsh said, "we'll have to all talk about this first."

Peter and Molly could hardly believe their ears! They were so excited! Their parents were finally going to talk with them about getting a pet!

Here are some of the questions that the Marshs had to answer before going out to look for a pet:

1. Did all the Marshs want a pet? Would everyone love that animal or just Peter and Molly? The Marshs had to be sure that the whole family wanted a pet, not just the youngest Marshs.

2. Who would be *responsible* for the new pet? Who would take care of the pet? Mr. and Mrs. Marsh decided that since Peter was older he should be most responsible for the pet. Peter would be expected to make sure the new pet was always clean and had fresh food and water to eat. Molly would help Peter with this. Peter and Molly couldn't wait to start being responsible for their new pet!

3. What would be the right kind of animal to have as a pet? Mr. Marsh explained to Peter and Molly why a raccoon or a squirrel wouldn't be a very good pet. He said that they were *wild* animals. Wild animals live without help from people. They collect their own food and try to keep themselves safe from *enemies*. Wild animals are not like *domesticated* animals. Domesticated animals, said Mr. Marsh, need people to take care of them. Dogs, cats, guinea pigs, and gerbils are all domesticated animals. They all need someone to feed them. They need someone to keep their homes clean and someone to play with.

Peter and Molly both wanted a domesticated animal to care for and love.

4. What size animal would the Marshs get? Did they have room for a horse? Did they have room for a dog? Would it be best for them to have fish or a gerbil? The Marshs wanted to make sure their new pet would have room enough to live and exercise easily. Peter, Molly, and their parents all agreed that a dog and a doghouse would fit well in their yard.

If they had lived in an apartment, the Marshs wouldn't have thought about getting a large dog because the dog wouldn't have had enough space to run and play. Then the Marshs might have considered getting a smaller dog or cat.

5. How much time would the Marshs have to spend with a new pet? Did they want a pet that would only take a few minutes a day to care for, like fish? The Marshs had more time than that. They were wanting a puppy. They knew that they shouldn't leave a dog alone for long periods of time if they were going to train it properly. They were glad that Mrs. Marsh only worked part-time. A new puppy wouldn't have time to learn bad habits or to become too lonely or bored in their home.

6. How much would it cost to take care of a new pup? Did the Marshs have money to buy puppy food, a dog brush, collar, leash, *rabies* and *license tags*? Could they also pay for dog training classes, and trips to the *veterinarian* to keep a pup healthy? It takes a lot of money to care for a dog. The Marshs had to be sure they could pay for all of the things a new puppy would need.

7. Where would the Marshs get a puppy? The Marshs planned to go to a *humane society* to find a puppy. They know that there are many dogs and cats in humane societies without homes waiting to find new owners. The Marshs wanted to give one of those puppy dogs a home.

After talking about all of the important questions to answer when choosing a new pet, Peter and Molly asked their parents if they could visit a humane society right away. The Marshs couldn't wait any longer! They drove to a humane society nearby to find a new pet! The Marshs were ready to love and care for their new family member!

VOCABULARY LIST

Responsible – to be expected to take care of something.

Wild – anything that lives or grows without the help of people.

Enemies – people or animals that dislike and try to hurt others.

Domesticated – to be tamed.

Rabies tag – a tag that shows that a dog has had a shot preventing it from getting rabies, an illness that can kill a dog.

License tag – a tag that shows that a dog belongs to an owner.

Veterinarian – a doctor who takes care of sick or injured animals.

Humane society – a place where dogs and cats are brought and taken care of before going to a new home.

CHOOSING A PET CROSSWORD PUZZLE

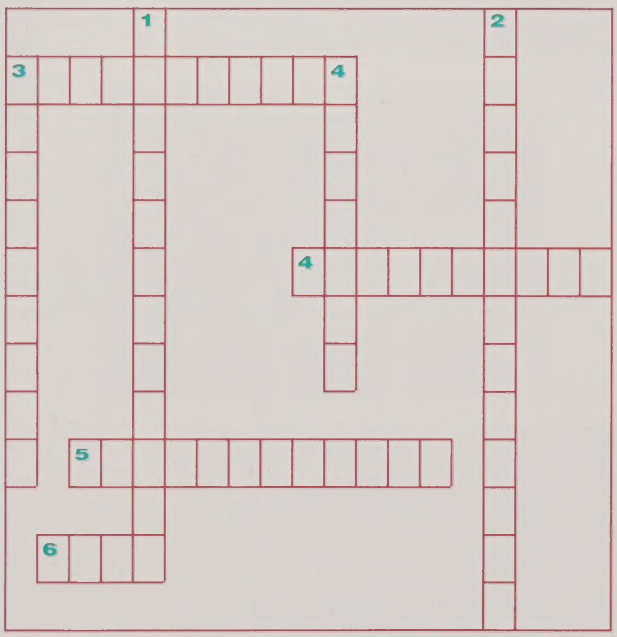
Across

3. Peter and Molly will be _____ for taking care of their new puppy.
4. A dog owner must have a _____ for his dog.
5. A doctor who keeps animals healthy is called a _____.
6. Squirrels and raccoons are _____ animals.

Down

1. _____ animals need people to take care of them.
2. The Marshs went to a _____ to find a new puppy.
3. A _____ shows that a dog has had its rabies shot.
4. Wild animals have _____ that try to hurt them.

(See answers on back inside cover.)



PETS IN THE PICTURE

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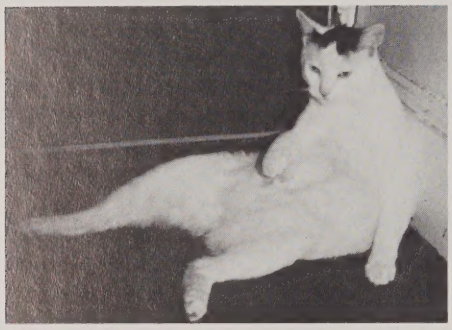
1 Joanne Huber of South Boston shares this photo of her late pet "Muffins" who died in March. "She gave unselfishly 13 years of love and devotion. . . Muffins loved everyone, and everyone loved her," Ms. Huber writes. "I know she would want some little pup to have the love and the life of caring that she received, so I'll be over to the Boston shelter soon to adopt another bundle of love."



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2 "As you can see, he's very relaxed these days," writes Maureen Roe of Jamaica Plain, describing her cat "Eddie" who was adopted last September and has evidently been unwinding ever since.

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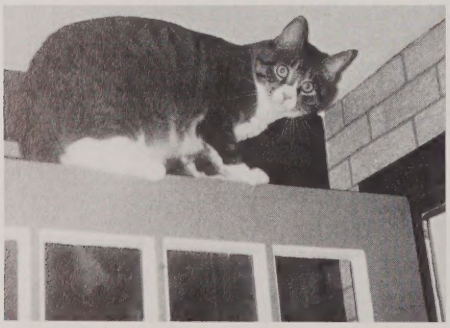
3 "Just writing to thank you for making it possible for 'Princess' and I to be together," says Christine Tilley of Chelsea. Adopted when she was two months old and weighed two pounds, "Princess" is now three, and weighs about 60 pounds. "This picture shows her at her favorite pastime!"

4 Frances Easterbrook of Swampscott sends along this photo of "Barney," who belongs "to the youngsters of my family, Victoria Jensen and Sylvana Curran of South Weymouth. Barney is perched on top of the door, looking through the window at a bird's nest on a tree branch," she writes.



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5 Carol, Terrance and Tracy Alford of Revere share this picture of their late pet "Choo-Choo" who was adopted from the League 14 years ago. "We lost our best friend and companion the day after Christmas," they write.

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6 Companions "Max" and "Molly" relax shortly after their adoption by Lois and Jonathan Parker of Medford. "Molly is quite vocal and purrs constantly. . . Max is the mischievous one, curious, friendly and good natured as a puppy," Mrs. Parker writes. "They are wonderful companions to us and each other. My husband and I highly recommend that people consider adopting two kittens. We both work all day, and they really entertain each other."

7 Ann and Norman Bikales of Lincoln adopted "Kimberly Bassett-Bear (Kimmie)" from the League in June, 1985. "Since that time, a dictionary has become obsolete in this house," they report. "If one wants to learn the true meaning of love, joy, beauty, faithfulness, affection, and enthusiasm, one need only take this little bundle into his arms."

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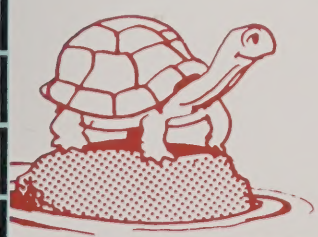

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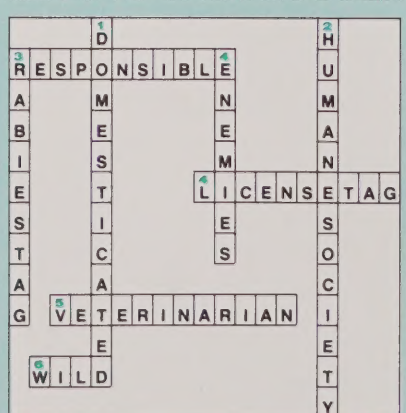

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